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Dear Victoria,

EM 8078/20: Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1838 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in the Baltic Sea, and amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in Union and non-Union waters

8078/20 ADD 1: ANNEXES to the Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1838 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in the Baltic Sea, and amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in Union and non-Union waters

Thank you for your Explanatory Memorandum (EM) on the above proposal, which was considered by our Environment Sub-Committee on 15 July 2020.

We note your concerns regarding the potentially differential interpretations of the North Sea cod recovery measures. Were these measures clarified before they were agreed? If not, what plans do you have to monitor other countries' implementation of those measures to be able to assess whether your concerns were justified?

The Committee continues to take an active interest in this matter and we look forward to a response in 10 working days.

I am copying this letter to Sir William Cash, the Chair of the Commons European Scrutiny Committee; Jessica Mulley, Clerk to the Commons Committee; Les Saunders, Cabinet Office; and John Leach, Departmental Scrutiny Coordinator.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Kinnoull', with a horizontal line underneath.

Lord Kinnoull
Chair of the European Union Committee